

TIM BRETT'S REPORT
TAYPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 6 November 2017

I. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 2 October

- a. Taybridgehead Foodbank – The foodbank have confirmed that they are a charity being covered by Church of Scotland charitable status. They will now approach Tesco to see if they can receive produce from them.
- b. Traffic Issues, William Street – Colin Stirling has asked how long the no waiting area should be on each side of Reform Street. The standard length of a single car is 5 – 6 metres.
- c. Podiatry Services – I have had confirmation that the podiatrists are no longer providing a nail cutting service. However this is being offered by Fife Voluntary Action at St Andrews Community Hospital and the Adamson Hospital in Cupar but booking is essential.
- d. Castle Terrace Wall – I am waiting to hear from Andrew Heggie, Clerk of Works in the Structure Assets Management Team when the work will be done.
- e. Whitenhill – The vegetation has been cut back.
- f. Old Forgan Kirk – I am waiting to hear from Liz Murphy if the work she identified in July has been programmed.
- g. Dougal Street – Kevin Smith has advised that the resurfacing of Dougal Street will be considered as part of next year's Area Transportation Work Programme.
- h. Pond Lane – The hedge has been trimmed.

New Items

2. Slessor Gardens Concerts in Dundee - Following a complaint about noise of concerts and disruption to the road network when concerts are taking place, I have had a response from Sara Graig – Dundee City Centre Manager. She has offered to keep residents in Fife in the loop regarding events and I have given her contact details of both Tayport and Newport Community Council.
3. Dolphin Centre Youth Voice – The Centre are consulting with P7 and High School pupils on things they would like to do at the Dolphin Centre.
4. West Lights – A resident has raised concerns about fires being lit and fly tipping. I have passed this on to the police and to the Safer Communities Team.
5. 42 Bus Service – With effect from 20 November, this will revert to a 20 minute service.
Bus Services in North East Fife will be re-tendered in the New Year and there could be further changes after that. I have asked if consideration can be given to routing the X54 service through Tayport . note Stagecoach have relied to say that this is not possible given the additional time this would take.
6. Police – Sergeant Neil Johnston has advised that between 24 September and 16 October there had been 10 calls in the area relating to house breaking, theft from vehicles and attempted house breaking.
7. Since the last meeting, there have been 64 calls to the police from Tayport; there were no emergency 999 calls but three calls resulted in crimes being recorded. Of these call seven were traffic related, one theft, three domestic,

three missing person enquiries, eleven nuisance anti-social calls and the rest miscellaneous. On 28 October an outlying property between Tayport and Leuchars was broken into during the night and property stolen. Anyone with information relating to this should contact 101.

8. Local police Plan 2017-2020 has now been published.
9. A new Just Bin It Campaign has been launched in Tayport in conjunction with the Primary School. Safer Community Officers will be increasing patrols in the area to address dog fouling.
10. Tayport Common – Green Flag – A paper was considered at the North East Fife Area Committee on 25 October when it was agreed that Tayport Common should be the next park in North East Fife that would apply for Green Flag status. Some improvements will be required which will take place in 2018 with a view to an application being made in 2019.
11. Madras College – A planning application has been submitted by the St Andrews West LLP for a roundabout and new road from the A91 that will provide access to the Langlands site.
12. Tayport Cemetery – I have written to Liz Murphy about the repairs that are needed in Tayport Cemetery which are part of £400,000 worth of work needed in eleven priority sites across Fife.
13. Tayport Community Trust Hub Project – since my September report further funding has now been received from Fife Council £250K; Leader £200K; Robertson Trust £125K; Northwood Trust £25K; R&J Bleach £10K; Walter Craig £5K
14. Tayport War Memorial Fund – A paper was considered at the Area Meeting on 25 October which broadens the current purpose for which the fund can be spent. As part of this a process for involving the British Legion in decision making was agreed. A balance of £30,000 will be kept for any maintenance that is required on the war memorial.
15. PLANT-many congratulations to everyone in the Tayport Community Garden_ who won the Food Category award in the first ever Climate Challenge Fund awards.

Items for Information

- A. Fife Council's Down Your Street Tenant's Newsletter has been received.
- B. Coffee with COPS on 15 December; 12 January and 9 February in the Harbour Café.
- C. Tayplan – Scottish Ministers have approved a second Tayplan Strategic Development Plan on the 11 October. It can be viewed at <http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/publications>.
- D. Fife Health and Well Being Alliance October Report.
- E. What's New in Adult Support and Protection October 2017?
- F. Invasive Non Native Species – I have received a copy of a briefing from Richard Smith covering Giant Hogweed; Japanese Knotweed; Himalayan Balsam and American Minx.
- G. The Monthly Equalities Bulletin for October.

- H. Grants of up to £500 are available from the Ross and Liddle Community Bursary scheme for community projects.
- I. Eden Estuary October and November Newsletters.
- J. Scotsraig Laden Burn was recently cleaned out.
- K. Conduit Scotland – Affordable Lending in Fife. An update on the service now available from Conduit Scotland who provide borrowing and support to Fife Residents who find it hard to access affordable credit. Customers can apply on line or by phone.
- L. Preparing for Universal Credit, Update October 2017 and details of a drop in session at Tayport Library on 13th November between 2pm and 4pm.
- M. Steven Gethin, MP met with volunteers from the Taybridgehead Foodbank on 20 October and received an update report on the work that is done.
- N. B945 – I am pressing the Transportation Service for details of when they expect the final stage of resurfacing to be undertaken.
- O. I attended a Police Briefing on 3 October with Detective Superintendent Gary Ogilvie who set out arrangements in Fife for Crime Management (Crime and Public Protection).
- P. Zero Waste Scotland – A new initiative to encourage organisations to take action to reduce litter.
- Q. A Consultation on Building Scotland's Low Emission Zones – The consultation sets out the proposed arrangements and options to deliver a consistent approach to designing, building and managing low emission zones (LEZ's) in Scotland.
- R. IT Provision in Schools – Councillor Jonny Tepp has drawn attention to safety concerns over smart boards in schools which he has drawn to the attention of the Council's Head of IT.
- S. Electoral Register Canvas 2017 – 180,000 household enquiry forms were issued on 7 August. Across Fife, the return rate has reached 68% as of 20 October. In the Taybridgehead Ward, only Leuchars is in the bottom ten for return rates. The ERO must send two reminders and carry out a door knock for each household that does not respond. The Canvassers are now working on this.
- T. Financial Capability Week Participation Pack – Elected Members have been asked to promote the above week which is set for 13 – 19 November. This is to promote ways that organisations can help people to develop financial skills and change their money mind-set. Ideas might be sharing money saving tips, celebrating and promoting good money management to review how local schools are helping pupils to learn about money.
- U. Community Payback Scheme – are continuing to look for community work projects.

Winter campaign 2017/18- I have received details of this years campaign . Details can be found at www.fifedirect.org.uk/winter

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